



# **West Virginia House of Delegates**

## **Standing Committee on Government Organization**

### **Minutes for February 19, 2026, 1:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Government Organization met on February 19, 2026, 1:00 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Phillips, Smith, Young, Lewis, Adkins, Brooks, Browning, Burkhammer, Cannon, Clark, Clay, Dean, Drennan, Ferrell, Foggin, Hott, Howell, Kyle, Leavitt, Lucas, McCormick, Pinson, Sheedy, Sr., Street.

Members absent: Delegates Smith.

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Smith, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Phillips announced the first item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5630. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Bill Flanigan to explain HB 5630. Questions and answers of the presenter followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5630 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was consideration of the Committee Substitute for SB 251. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for SB 251. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for SB 251 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was consideration of HB 5015. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to HB 5015. Delegate Smith moved the Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for HB 5015. Delegate Smith moved to adopt the language of the Committee Substitute. That motion was adopted. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for HB 5015 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5063. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate David Cannon to explain HB 5063. Questions and answers of the presenter followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5063 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5065. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate David Cannon and Tucker County Commissioner, Michael Roseman, to explain HB 5065. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5065 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5404. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Joe Funkhouser and Deak Kersey, Chief of Staff, Secretary of State's Office, to explain HB 5404. Question and answers of the presenters followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5404 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5474. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Elliott Pritt to explain HB 5474. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5474 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5622. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Geno Chi to explain HB 5622. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5622 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

On Motion of Delegate Smith the committee adjourned.

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Chris Phillips

Committee Chair

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